



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, there are more than 4,600 sudden unexpected infant deaths and more than 200 children between the ages of 1 and 4 die without any clear cause or explanation; and
- WHEREAS: While less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness; and
- WHEREAS: Currently, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause is not known. Future research will hopefully identify the means by which SUDC can be prevented; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the SUDC Foundation, along with medical professionals and volunteers, are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, improve the health of infants and children, and provide comfort and support for those families grieving the sudden unexplained death of a child; and
- WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever impacted by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 14–20 as SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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